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SITE MAP

PROJECT SITE IS 29° 17' 05"N, 94° 52' 33"W (NAD27)

GALVESTON QUADRANGLE

PROJECTION IS UTM ZONE 15 NAD83 DATUM



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PROPOSED PONTICELLO CHANNEL GALVESTON, TEXAS

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Project Purpose and Description:

The applicant proposes to construct 6 common private piers with 12 attached boathouses, a community pier, a community walkover and a pedestrian bridge in common green space reserves and a navigational channel for access to Galveston's West Bay for the residents in the Ponticello Subdivision for sport fishing and other water related recreational activities. In addition, the applicant proposes to fill 0.39 acres of existing wetlands for purpose of subdivision re-plat and 1.25 acres of non-vegetated shallow water habitat to create a barrier island along an existing shell island. To compensate for the impacts resulting from proposed wetland fill and the filling of open shallow water non-vegetated habitat, the applicant also proposes to create 0.39 acres of wetlands on the barrier islands and proposes to set aside 8.24 combined acres of wetlands and uplands into an Opens Space Reserve protected with a Conservation Easement. Ponticello is a 17.5 acre tract located at 93rd Street and Teichman Road. The site was delineated and verified per D-17901 by letter dated April 21, 2006.

Environmental Setting:

The proposed project site is located on Galveston Island, a 2-mile wide by 26-mile long barrier island located in the Gulf of Mexico, off the southeast coast of Texas. It is separated from the mainland by the Galveston Bay estuarine system, an important Gulf Coast estuary. It provides a productive nursery for many marine and estuarine species and supports a substantial sport and commercial fishing industry. Existing dredged navigational channels in the bay allow for recreational and commercial boat traffic. Development on the island is dominated in large part by the City of Galveston. The subject property is located within the Galveston City limits.

The subject property is a 17.5 acre tract delineated and verified with site visits on or about January 30, 2006 and March 2, 2006 and survey dated April 20, 2006, D-17901. The project site contains 8.12 acres of jurisdictional waters of the United States, specifically adjacent wetlands. The wetlands are adjacent to Offatts Bayou and/or West Galveston Bay, both considered navigable waters of the United States and subject to the ebb and flow of the daily tide. The surrounding tidal flat areas are subject to varying water levels from tidal cycles within West Galveston Bay. Properties in the surrounding area include residential, commercial and industrial uses. The subject property and its proposed use suits the existing and surrounding property.

Piers and Boat Houses:

The applicant proposes to construct 6 common use private piers with attached boat houses and one community pier. The proposed piers and boathouse will facilitate boat storage and deep water access to the twelve residential lots in the Ponticello subdivision. The community pier provides access to water related activities via the common area reserve. The 6 piers and associated boat houses and common pier would total 15,139 sq. ft. of surface coverage. In the proposed plan, adjacent lot owners would utilize a common dock attached to a double boathouse. Pier lengths for the 6 pier structures vary depending on water depth in the immediate vicinity of each structure. (details in attached permit exhibits) In addition to depth consideration, surrounding habitat was examined prior to pier, dock and boathouse design and placement to

minimize impacts in these areas. The proposed boathouse(s) have been located in sufficiently deep water to avoid "prop-washing" of bay bottoms. The boathouses were designed without walls to allow sunlight to penetrate the water. The piers are designed at a maximum width of 4ft. with at least one half inch between deck board spacing to allow sunlight penetration to the water and marsh.

Community Walkover & Bridge:

The applicant proposes to construct a 208 ft. community walkover that would total 832 sq.ft. of surface coverage and an approximately 70 ft. bridge that would total 208 sq. ft. of surface coverage to provide pedestrian access to common space reserves for the residents of the Ponticello Subdivision and the surrounding neighbors. The community walkover, located on the east side of the subdivision will provide a viewing area for wildlife and birds in the 8.24 acre Open Space Reserve. The proposed bridge will provide pedestrian access to the community pier spanning a wetland area in Reserve D. The community walkover will be constructed utilizing a pile driver initially to set pilings and then the platform will be constructed from the curb out using the walkover itself as a building platform to minimize adverse impacts during construction.

Impacted Areas

Entrance and Boat Channel

To construct the new entrance and boat channel, the applicant proposes to hydraulically dredge and remove 5,700 c.y. of non-vegetated sand substrate from a 2.27 acre shallow open water area to create the connecting 740-foot-long, 53-foot-wide, and 5-foot-deep entrance channel and 981foot -long, 63-foot-wide, and 5-foot-deep boat channel for the residents of the Ponticello Subdivision. The design, alignment and placement of the proposed channel utilized the deeper natural bottom depths per bathometric survey performed by a Registered Land Surveyor to minimize adverse environmental impacts and habitat loss. The existing water depths in the proposed dredge area range from -2.44' to -3.85' below mean high water. The existing bay bottom will be excavated to a uniform 5 foot below mean high water. The width at the top of the proposed entrance channel is approximately 53 ft and the bottom approximately 33 ft. The width at the top of the proposed boat channel is 63 ft. and the bottom approximately 43 ft. The channel shall be marked with 6 ft. PVC poles or markers at 250 ft. intervals to minimize damage to adjacent bay bottoms from prop-washing. The material dredged from the new entrance and boat channel will be placed in adjacent non-vegetated shallow water habitat and used in a beneficial approach to create a 468-foot-long, 60-foot-wide barrier island and an additional 469-foot-long, 60-foot-wide barrier island. Construction techniques incorporating best management practices, including silt curtains and silt fencing, will be utilized to maintain the integrity and minimize turbidity and dispersal of dredged materials into surrounding waters, sensitive wetland areas and shellfish beds.

Existing Wetlands

The applicant proposes to fill 0.39 acres of existing estuarine wetland areas per a re-plat of the Ponticello Subdivision. The applicant successfully completed a re-plat process through the City of Galveston's Planning Commission prior to this permit submission. The applicant re-platted the subdivision to clarify lot boundaries and set aside Reserve C for future development.

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Barrier Islands and Created Wetland Areas

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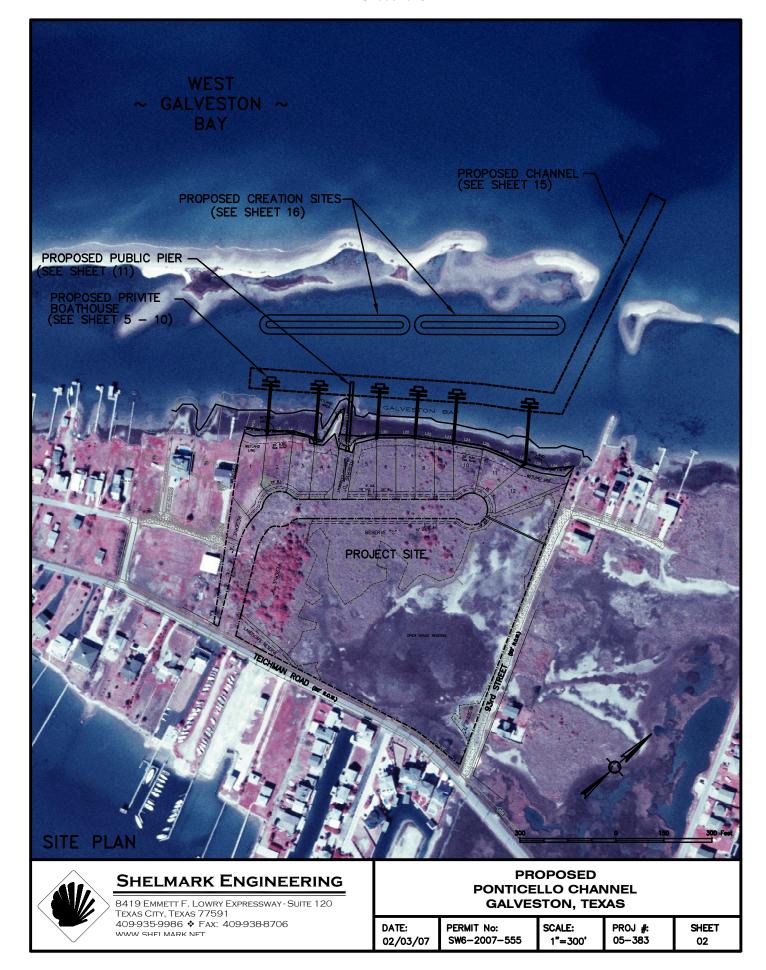
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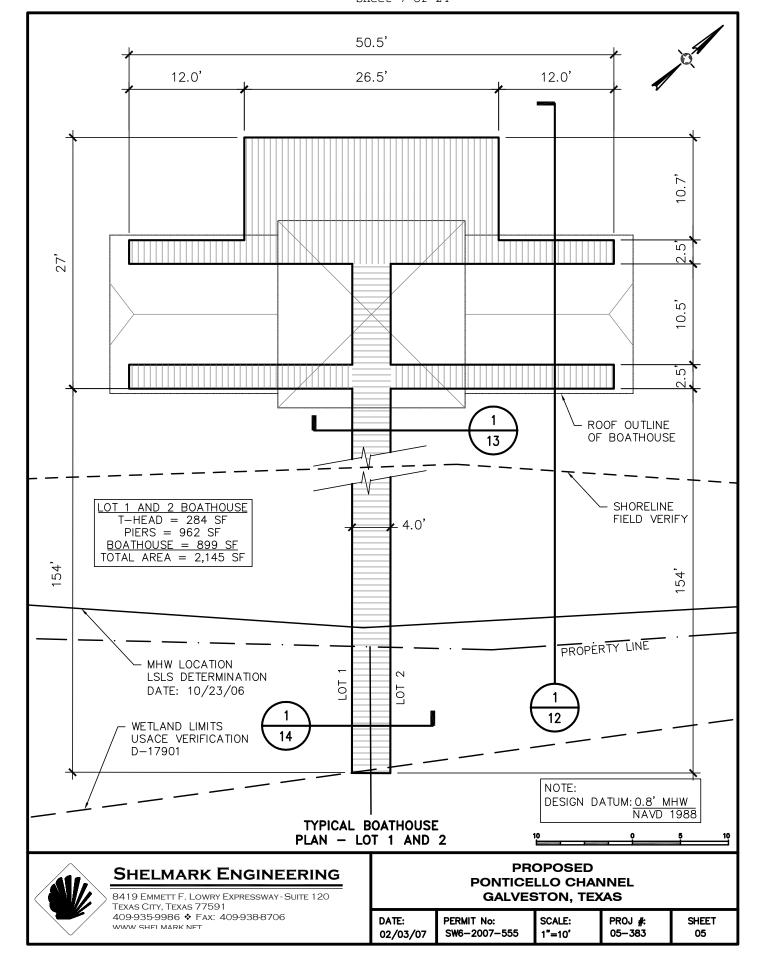
Open Space Reserve & Conservation Easement

In addition to the proposed construction of the two barrier islands and of 0.39 acres of smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*) to be planted within the intertidal zone of the two proposed barrier islands, the applicant proposes to set aside 8.24 acres in an Open Space Reserve. The OSR contains both upland and wetland habitat. To maintain the integrity and viability of the OSR, the applicant proposes to record a "Conservation Easement" on this portion of the property appointing a third party administrator in perpetuity. The purpose of this Conservation Easement will include; retaining or protecting natural, scenic, or the open-space aspects of real property; ensuring the availability or real property for recreational, educational, or open-space use; protecting natural resources; as well as maintaining or enhancing air and water quality.

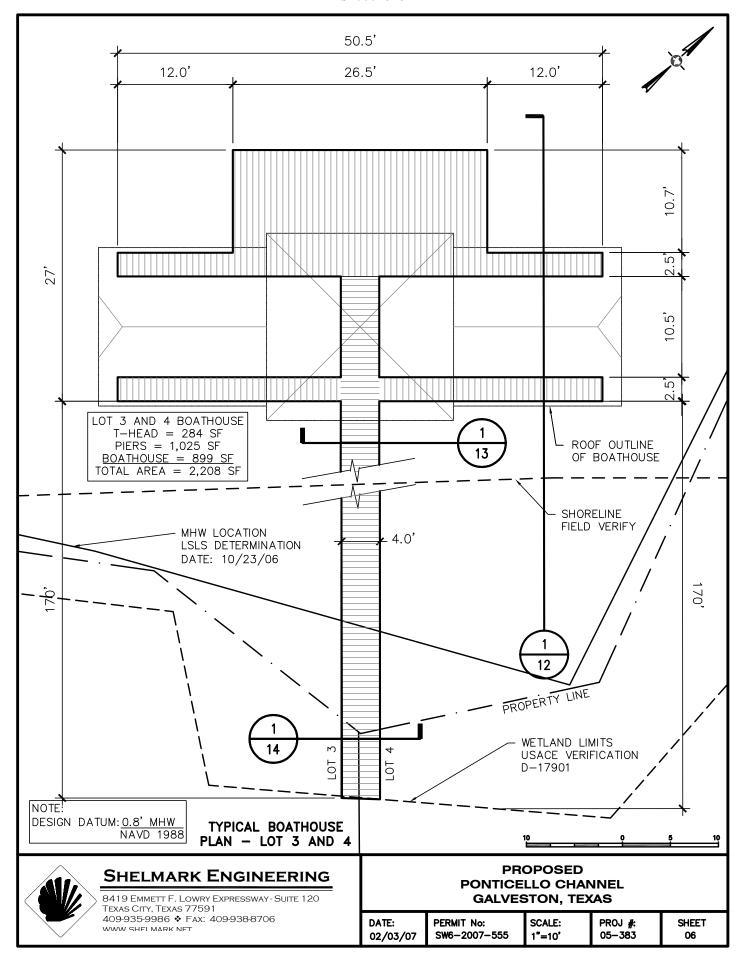
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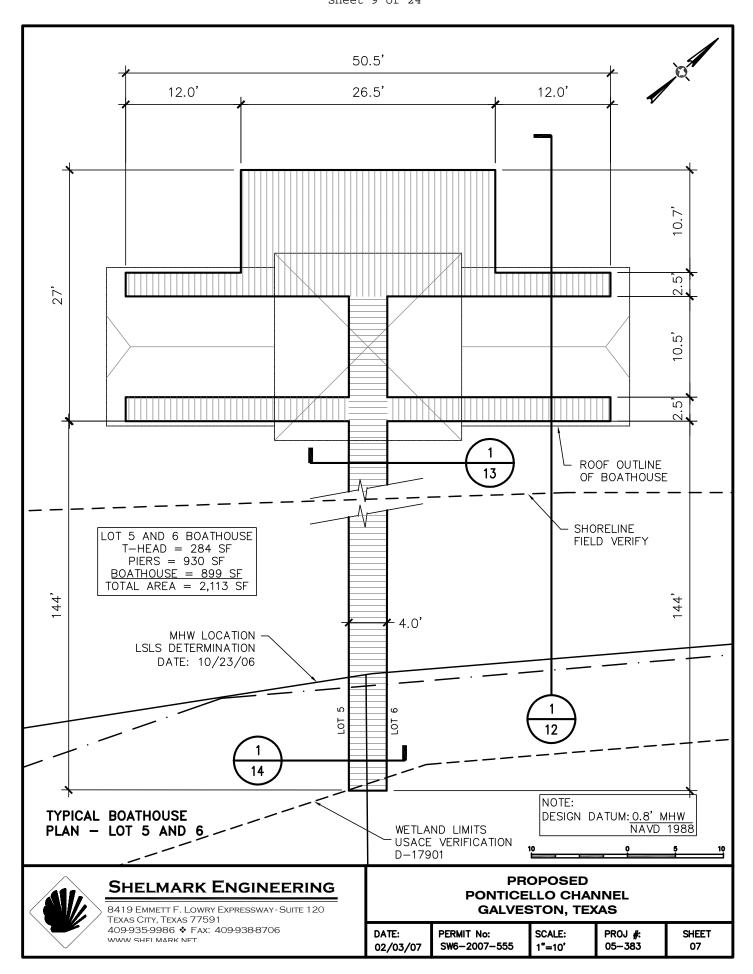
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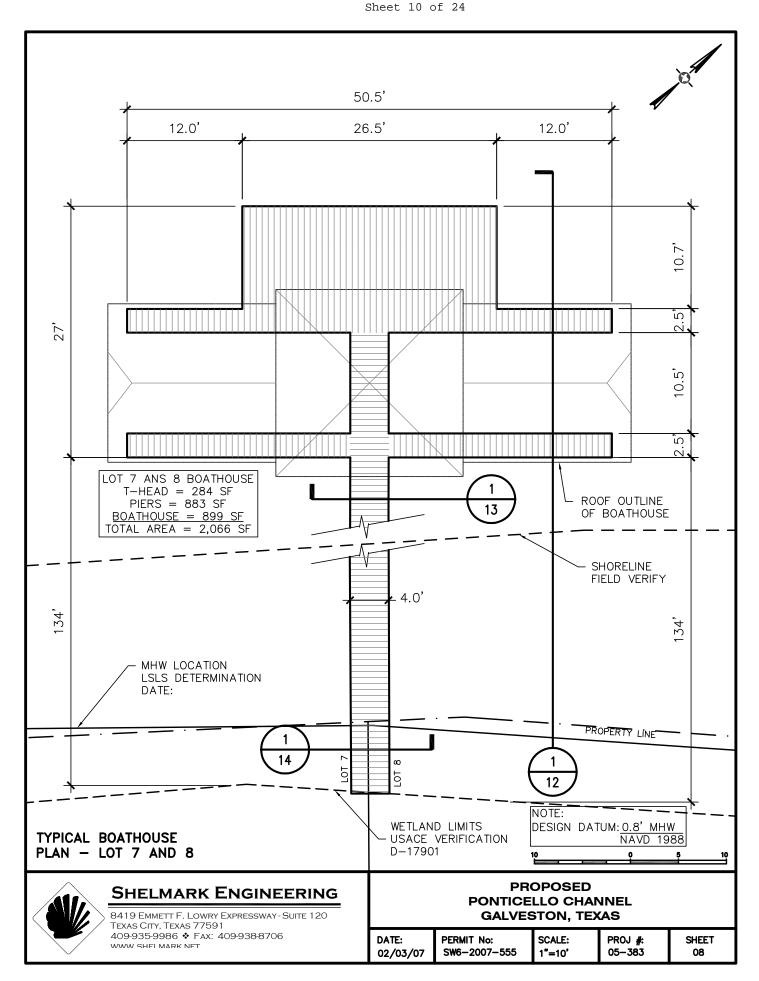


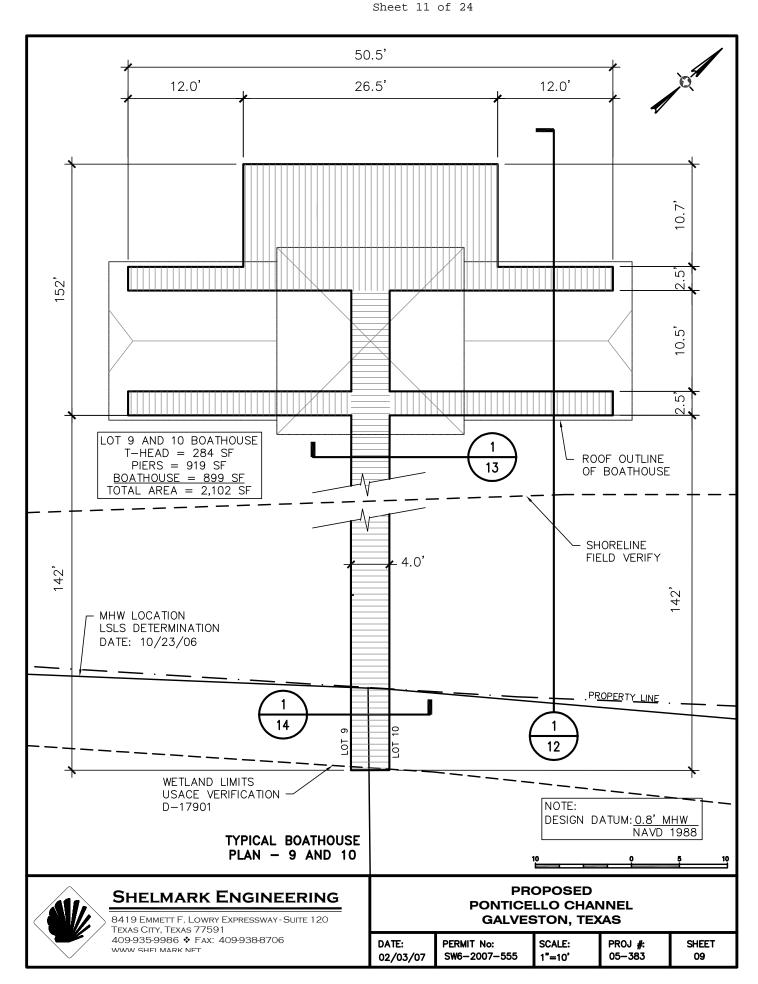


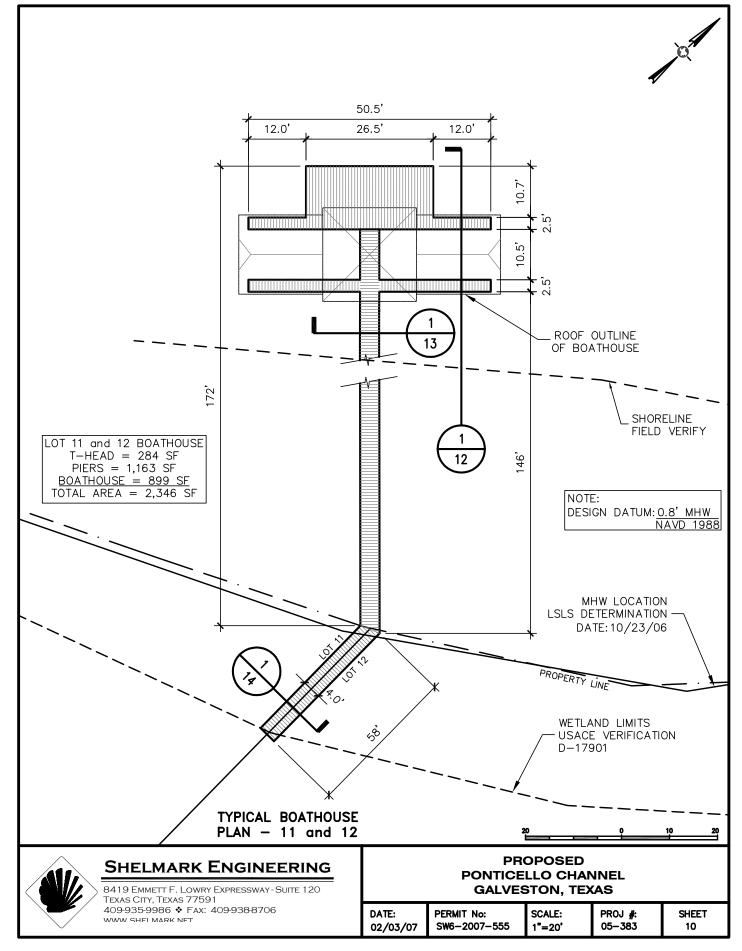
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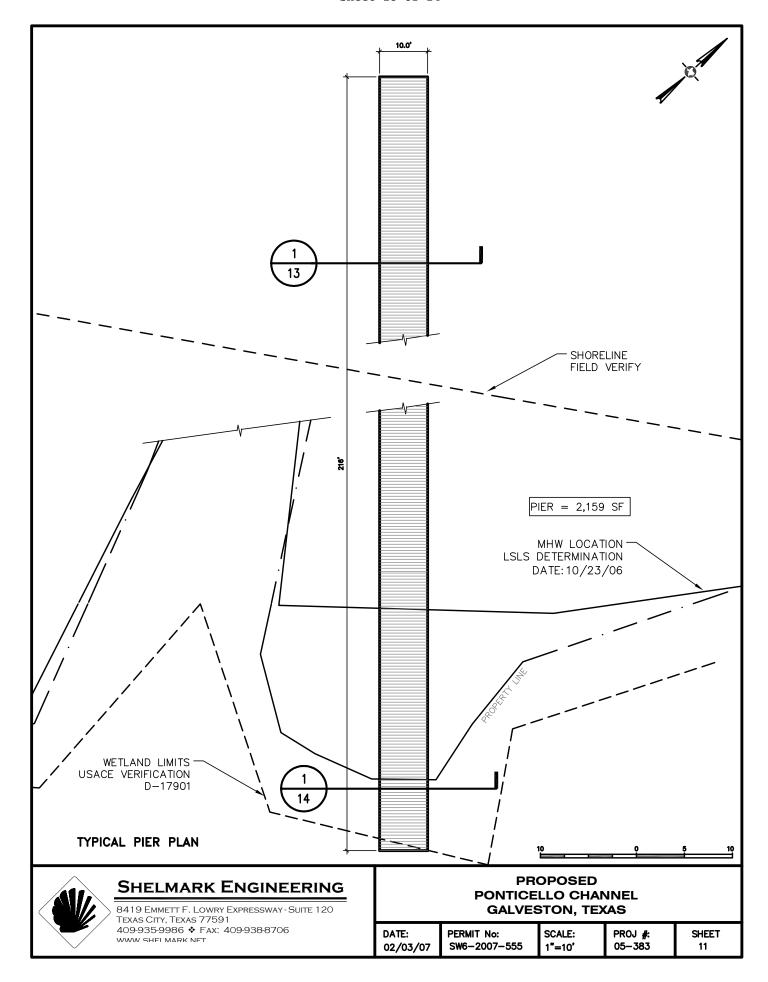


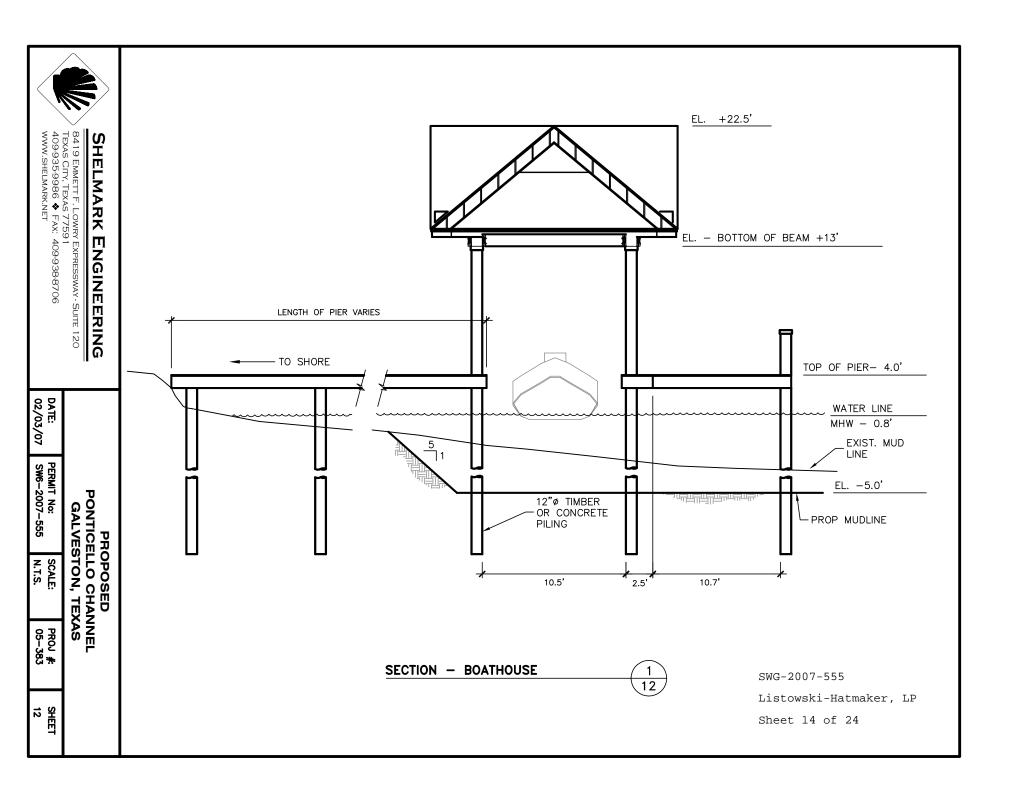


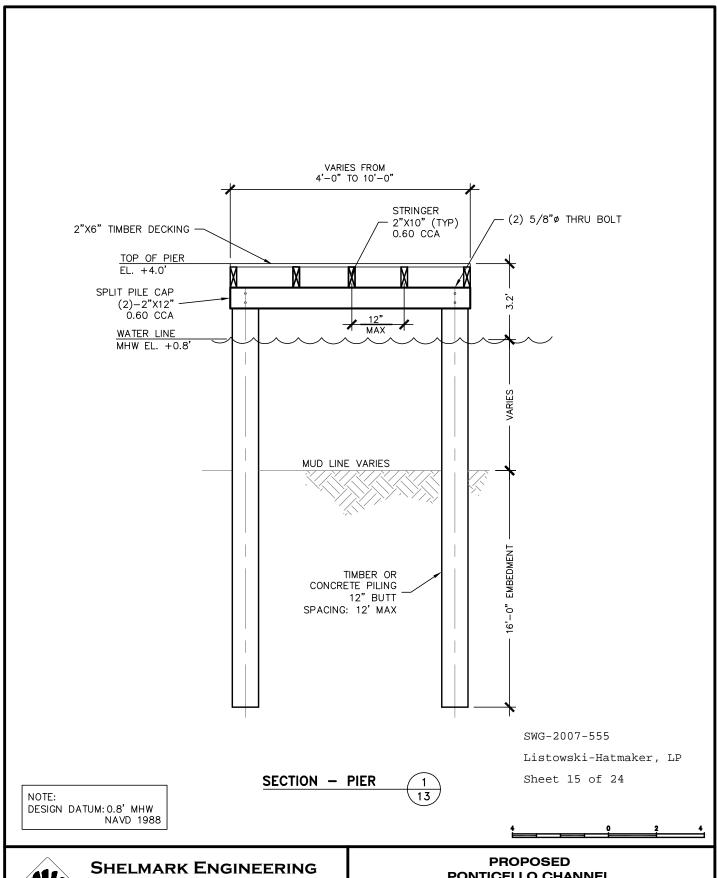




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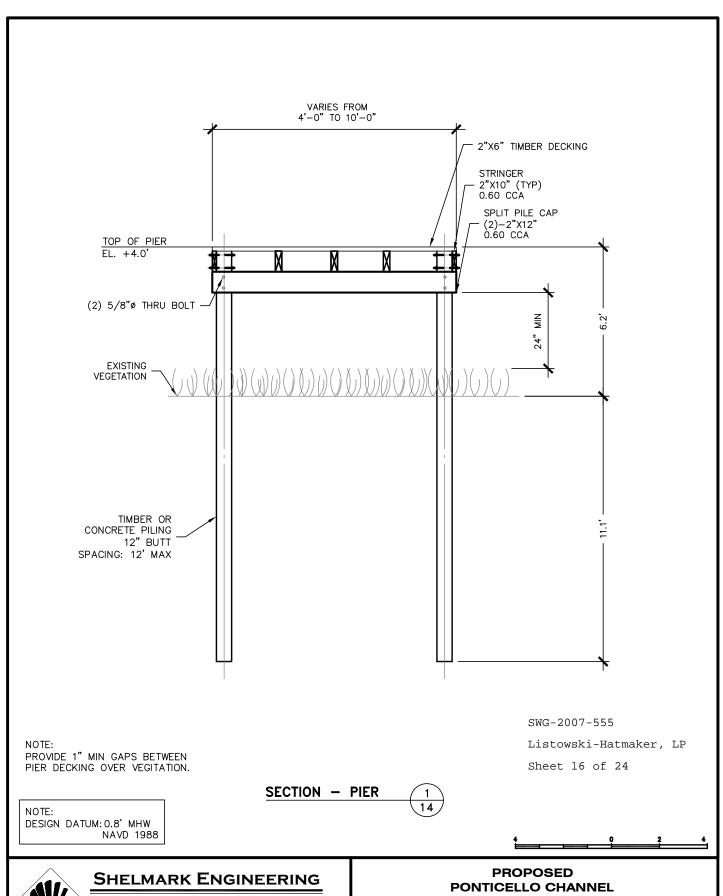
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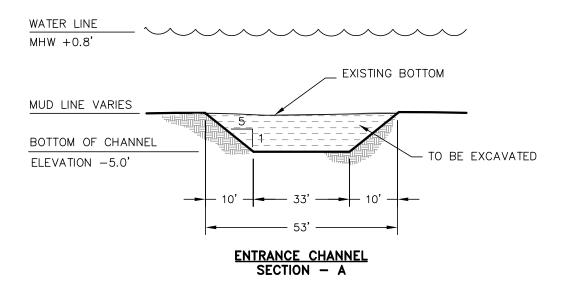
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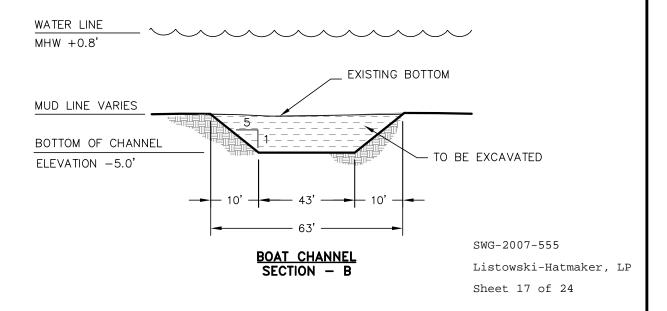
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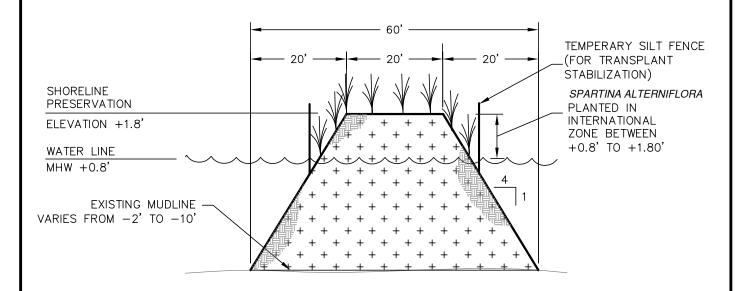
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NOTE:

- 1. DESIGN DATUM: NAVD 1988
- 2. CREATION SITE SHALL BE PLANTED WITH IN THE INTERTIDAL AREA SMOOTH CORDGRASS (SPARTINA ALTERNIFLORA) ON 3 FEET CENTERS.
- 3. TRANSPLANTS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM ONSITE WETLAND AREAS ACCORDING TO TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) GUIDELINES & SPECIFICATIONS.
- 4. TRANSPLANTS FROM OFFSITE WETLANDS ÀREAS WILL HAVE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION FROM LAND OWNER.
- 5. NO TRANSPLANTS WILL BE COLLECTED & PLANTED PRIOR TO RECEIVING A TRANSPLANT PERMIT FROM TPWD.
- 6. CHANNEL SHALL BE MARKED WITH 6'-0" PVC POLES @ 250 FT INTERVALS.



CREATON SITE SECTION - C

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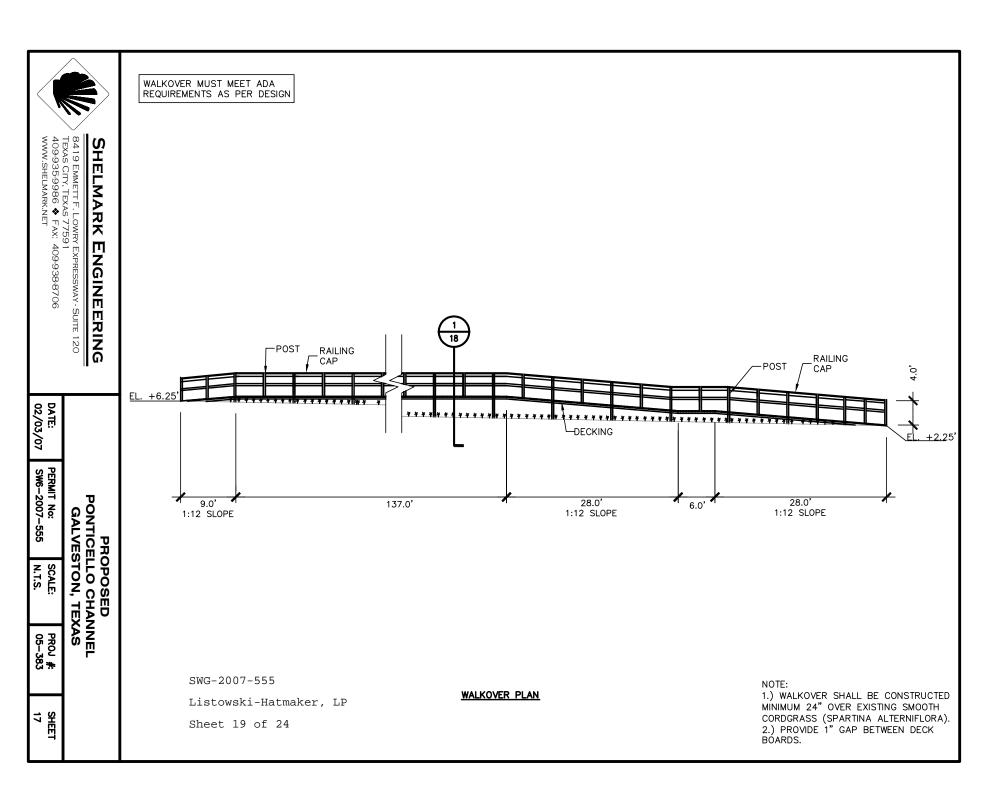


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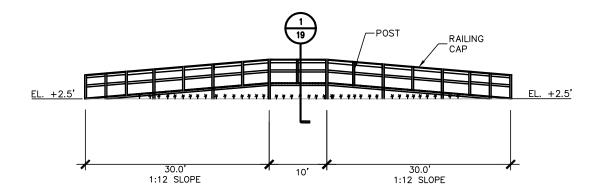
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BRIDGE MUST MEET ADA REQUIREMENTS AS PER DESIGN



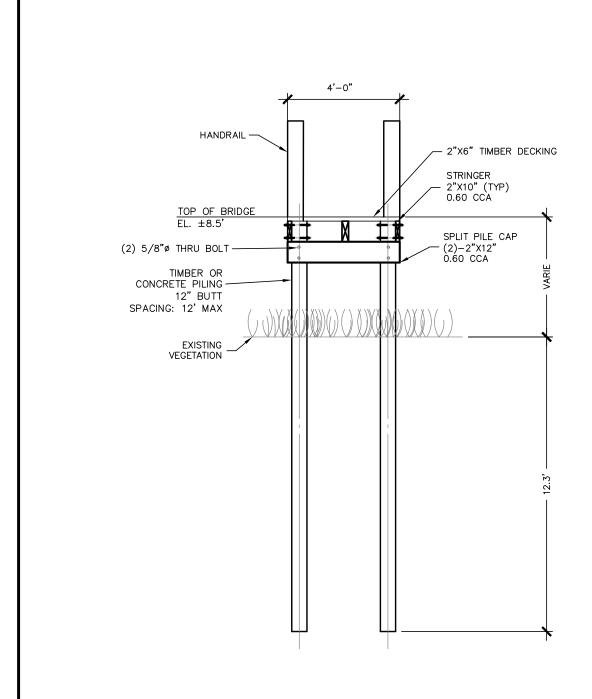
BRIDGE PLAN

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NOTE: 1.) BRIDGE SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED MÍNIMUM 24" OVER EXISTING SMOOTH CORDGRASS (SPARTINA ALTERNIFLORA).
2.) PROVIDE 1" GAP BETWEEN DECK BOARDS.



NOTE: PROVIDE 1" MIN GAPS BETWEEN PIER DECKING OVER VEGITATION.

SECTION - WALKOVER

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NOTE:

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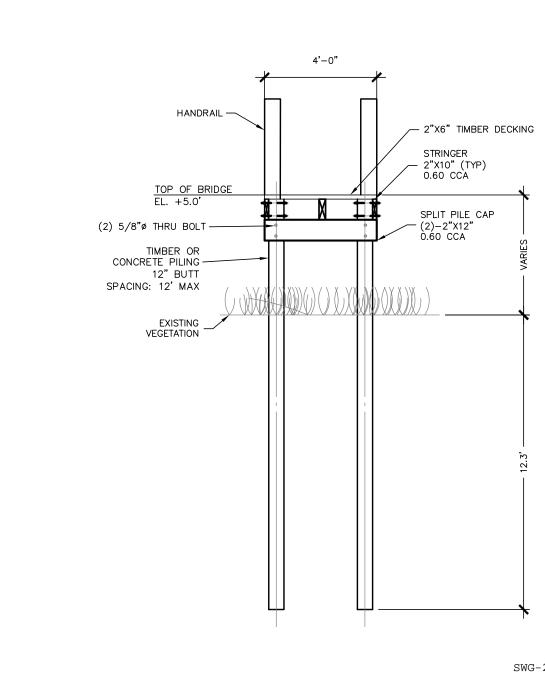
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SECTION - BRIDGE

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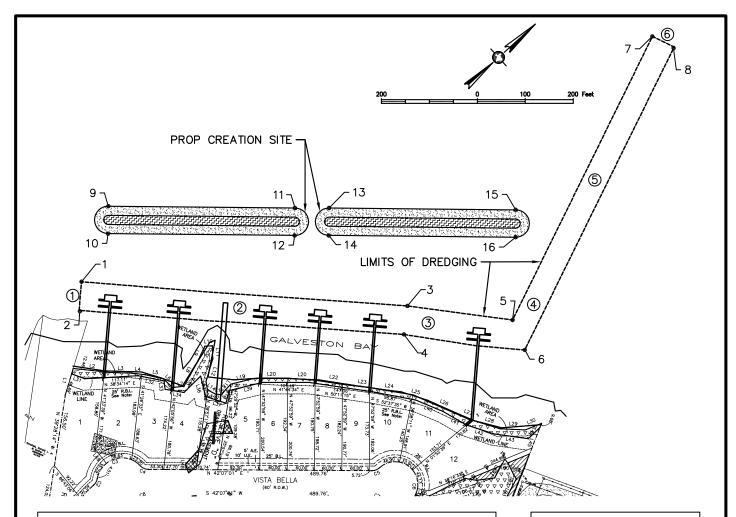
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COORD. #	NORTHING	EASTING	COORD. #	NORTHING	EASTING			
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3	13674145.2639	3282649.2910	6	13674272.2598	3282892.1456			
4	13674097.3542	3282690.3114	7	13674939.0901	3282566.0706			

WATER DEPTHS						
LOCATION	EXISTING	PROPOSED				
1	-3.23'	-5.0'				
2	-3.21'	-5.0'				
3	-2.73'	-5.0'				
4	-2.50'	-5.0'				
(5)	-2.44'	-5.0'				
6	-3.85'	-5.0'				

PROPOSED CREATION SITE COORDINATES TABLE

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DREDGING PLAN



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